

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have ard of me.” Acts

1:4

Prepared for the Promise

What were Jesus’ disciples thinking and feeling as they watched his feet leaving the ground that day on Mt. Olivet just a Sabbath day’s journey from Jerusalem? For some time now he had been instructing them on what to do when He was gone.

“Will you restore the kingdom to Israel at this time?” one disciple asked hopefully.

“That is not for you to know,” Jesus answered patiently, knowing they still did not fully comprehend His mission, or theirs, on earth. “Just go to Jerusalem and wait there until you receive the promise of the Father. John baptized with water, but in a few days you shall receive the Holy Ghost,” Jesus said, reassuring them.

Then as they watched, he ascended into the heavens and out of sight! Just imagine their amazement as they stood mouths gaping open and eyes searching the sky for one more glimpse of their Savior and Friend.

“You men of Galilee,” a voice nearby spoke, “why are you standing here gazing up into the sky?” Turning they saw two men dressed in white. “This same Jesus you have seen leaving will come again someday just like he left.”

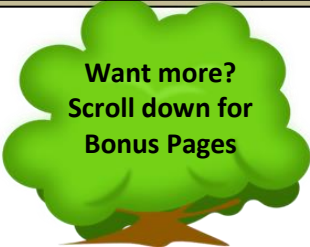
There was nothing to do but head into the city and wait for the promise just like Jesus instructed. Do you suppose any of them were tempted to head home or to the market that day? No way! They had just witnessed an amazing and miraculous event. There was no telling what awaited them in the upper room in Jerusalem!

Jesus has given us that same promise. Nothing in life matters more than receiving all that God has for us in this life. Are you prepared to put everything else aside and receive the promise?

Family Prayer: *Jesus, don’t let me get so distracted by the things of this world that I forget to put you first. I know what you have waiting for me is better than anything I can imagine! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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Promises are very important. Acts 1:4 says the disciples were assembled together when Jesus instructed them to wait for the promise. Gather your family together and make a promise pact with each other. Put everyone's name on a slip of paper and then let each person draw a name (making sure no one draws their own name). Let each one make a promise to the person whose name they drew. (Example: I will wash dishes in your place on Tuesday. Or, I will take you for ice cream Thursday). Make it special! This week that person can look forward to you fulfilling your promise just as Jesus fulfills His promise to us!

Let's talk

How important are promises? Has anyone ever promised you something but failed to follow through on it? How did that make you feel? Are you careful to keep promises that you make? You are an example of Jesus in this world!

Are there any special services coming up at your church soon? Be sure to invite someone to come with you. You can easily promise them that God has something very special in store for them!



Additional Challenges

Let's take a closer look at the first chapter of Acts.

- Who was the author of Acts writing to? Hint: It is the same person that the Apostle Luke wrote to in Luke 1:3.
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- The author wanted to record the things that Jesus began both to _____ and _____.
- In what areas did Jesus say the disciples would be witnesses once they received the Holy Ghost?
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- Can you name some of the people that we know were gathered in the Upper Room?
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- What was the total number of people gathered there?
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God's promise is for you, too!

Are you prepared to receive it?

Puzzle Page

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Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

